

SENATE BILL 1723

By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-1003, relative to the purchase of used or secondhand items.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated. Section 12-3-1003, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting the following:

§ 12-3-1003.

(a) Notwithstanding any charter, private act, or general law requirements, any municipality or any county may purchase used or secondhand articles, goods, equipment, materials, supplies, or commodities from any federal, state, or local governmental unit or agency without public advertisement and competitive bidding.

(b) Notwithstanding any charter, private act, or general law requirements, any municipality or any county may purchase used or secondhand articles, goods, equipment, materials, supplies, or commodities from any private individual or entity without public advertisement and competitive bidding as long as the purchasing government documents the general range of value of the purchased item through a listing in a nationally recognized publication, through an appraisal by a licensed appraiser, or through other reliable means approved by the purchasing agent or another official or employee designated by the governing body, and the price paid falls within or reasonably outside the documented range.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. the public welfare requiring it.